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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: Overseas Legal Assistance

1. In the past two or three months several people have talked to me about legal problems arising in the field and asking what provision is being made to handle them. Most of these discussions have centered around [REDACTED]. Specifically, [REDACTED] who surveyed the fiscal arrangements there, said the Finance Officers would very much appreciate legal assistance. (They have always been the first to come to us and properly so.) [REDACTED] who just returned, states that problems arising in connection with [REDACTED] on handling and disposing of aliens also appear to need improved legal advice.

2. I have for some time felt that a full-time representative of this office may be needed there but have had no official request from the field. However, legal problems tend to arise imperceptibly and preventive action is possible only if someone is looking out for them.

3. I feel that with [REDACTED] available in [REDACTED] it might be well, if General Truscott were willing, to have him go up and make a survey of the [REDACTED] activities to report on the legal aspects. I suggest a message to the Senior Representative somewhat as follows:

Recent inquiries indicate possible need for legal assistance in disposal of aliens, use of funds and other activities. Would appreciate information whether you foresee need for assignment of trained lawyer to you. If it would be helpful, experienced member of General Counsel's Office, whose name is [REDACTED] formerly SO Chief in [REDACTED] has completed mission in [REDACTED] and would be available for a short tour with you for survey of legal problems and report on his return here. If you so wish, send instructions to [REDACTED] through SO channels.

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